

ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday 4 July 2002

9.00-10.30 a.m. in AG01

Present: Professor Patricia Barker (Chairman), Professor David Jacobson, Dr Paraic James, Dr Seán Marlow, Mr Mícheál Mac Conmara, Dr Liam Mac Mathúna, Ms Louise McDermott (Recording Secretary), Mr Michael Moriarty, Dr Jim Murray, Dr Ronnie Saunders

Apologies: Dr Eoin Cassidy, Professor Robert Forster, Professor Martin Henry, Mr Paul Sheehan

Observer: Ms Brenda Gaughan

The Chairman brought to the attention of the meeting a letter of thanks to the membership from Professor Robert Forster, Acting Dean of Research and outgoing member of Standing Committee. The Chairman, in turn, thanked Professor Forster, on behalf of Standing Committee, for the contribution he had made while a member.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Michael Moriarty, the new Student Union Vice-president, who has joined Standing Committee.

Action

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the inclusion of two additional submissions under Item 5.2, one additional submission under Item 6.2, two additional submissions under Item 7 and two submissions under Item 9.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 6 June 2002

Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3.1** Follow-up actions from the last meeting were reported.
- 3.2** The proposal for granting exemptions to graduates of the pre-DCU accreditation Turning Point Diploma in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy was approved. (Item 4.6)
- 3.3** An amendment has been made to postgraduate research forms to allow examiners' and supervisors' names to be printed alongside their signatures. (Item 6.5)
- 3.4** The Programme Chair for the BSc in Sport Science and Health has been requested to conduct a review of the revised academic structure before the end of the academic year 2002-03. The outcome of the review, which should incorporate the views of all the members of the Programme Board and the external examiners, should be communicated to Standing Committee. (Item 7)
- 3.5** A revised schedule of fees for external examiners is currently being prepared in the Registry and will be submitted for approval by Standing Committee at its meeting of 5 September 2002. (Item 14) **Registrar**

4. Faculty/Committee/Programme Board minutes

- 4.1** Programme Board: GD/MA in Intercultural Studies, 03/04/02. Noted and approved subject to the submission to the Registry of the document referred to in Item 2.3.
- 4.2** Programme Board: Graduate Programme - Management and Applications of IT in Accounting, 26/04/02. Noted. Approval of Item 3 was deferred pending further debate in Oscail. It was noted that changes to the academic structure of Oscail programmes would be made less frequently in future.
- 4.3** Programme Board: Master of Business Administration, 29/04/02. Noted. The proposed changes were approved for the academic year 2003-04. It was agreed that, on an exceptional basis, Standing Committee would, at its meeting of 5 September 2002, discuss the possibility of approving these changes for the academic year 2002-03. Concern was expressed, however, at the late submission of the request for approval. The Programme Chair is to be asked to discuss two other issues with the Registry: whether it is intended that there be a variation in the number of credits attaching to the Accounting module across the different professional groupings on the programme; the extent to which different modules are offered to different professional groupings.

- 4.4 Programme Board: Graduate Programme - Management of Operations, 08/05/02. Noted. Approval of Item 3 was deferred pending further debate in Oscail. It was noted that changes to the academic structure of Oscail programmes would be made less frequently in future. The Programme Chair is to be asked to address, in the minutes of the next meeting, an anomaly in the totalling of credits for the programme.
- 4.5 Programme Board: International Master of Business Administration, 20/05/02. Noted. Approval of the minutes was deferred. Serious concern was expressed about the fact that, to date, no academic structure for the programme for the academic year 2002-03 had been submitted to the Registry. Agreed that this issue would be discussed with the Programme Chair as a matter of urgency.
- 4.6 Programme Board: GD/MSc in Counselling & Integrative Psychotherapy, 17/06/02. Noted and approved.
- 4.7 Programme Board: BSc in Analytical Science, BSc in Pure & Applied Chemistry, BSc in Chemical & Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSc in Chemistry with a Language, GD/MSc in Instrumental Analysis, 21/06/02. Noted.

5. Appointment of external examiners

5.1 Taught programmes

- 5.1.1 Dr K Carroll, Institute of Technology, Tallaght
BSc in Analytical Science; School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.1.2 Dr L M Brennan, TCD
Production & Operations Modules, DCU Business School
Approved.
- 5.1.3 Dr L Murray, University of Limerick
School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 5.1.4 Professor S Verlinde, University of Leuven, Belgium
School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 5.1.5 Renewal of contracts for external examiners (x 10)
School of Communications
Professor B Franklin, University of Sheffield
Mr M Heney, RTÉ
Dr D Hobson, University of Wolverhampton
Professor D J N Jankowski, University of Nijmegen
Ms T Kiang, Gallery of Photography

Dr U Maier-Rabler, University of Salzburg
Dr E Slater, NUI Maynooth
Professor H Stephenson, City University, London
Dr J Tomlinson, Nottingham Trent University
Professor B Winston, University of Westminster

Approved.

5.2 Postgraduate research students

- 5.2.1 Professor MH Kelly, University of Southampton
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.1, PhD, School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 5.2.2 Professor T Smith, NUI Galway
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.2, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved subject to the submission of the *curriculum vitae*.
- 5.2.3 Dr N Hanly, University of Limerick
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.3, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.4 Dr AP de Silva, Queen's University, Belfast
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.4, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.5 Professor P Warsfold, University of Plymouth
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.5, MSc, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.6 Dr M Ó Cinnéide, UCD
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.6, MSc, School of Computer Applications
Approved.
- 5.2.7 Professor ER Davies, University of London
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.7, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 5.2.8 Dr JH Adams, NASA Space Flight Center
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.8, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.9 Professor E O'Leary, UCC
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.9, PhD, All Hallows College
Approved.
- 5.2.10 Dr D O'Driscoll, UCC
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.10, PhD, School of Communications
Approved.

- 5.2.11 Professor K Cashman, UCC
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.11, MSc, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.2.12 Professor Hugh McKenna, University of Ulster
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.12, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved subject to the resubmission of the first page of the form to include the signature of the supervisor.
- 5.2.13 Dr Jonathan Slater, Birkbeck College, University of London
Student ref. SC/2002/A6/5.2.13, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved subject to the resubmission of the *curriculum vitae* to include details of work since 1997.

6. Postgraduate research matters

6.1 Applications to transfer to the PhD Register

- 6.1.1 Student ref. SC/2002/A6/6.1.1, DCU Business School
Approved.
- 6.1.2 Student ref. SC/2002/A6/6.1.2, School of Communications
Approved.
- 6.1.3 Student ref. SC/2002/A6/6.1.3, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.4 Student ref. SC/2002/A6/6.1.4, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.

6.2 Application for direct entry to PhD register

- 6.2.1 Student ref. SC/2002/A6/6.2.1, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
A decision was deferred pending the submission of further details. It was suggested that it might be in the student's best interests to register in BUET, Dhaka, where he intends to reside, rather than in DCU.
- 6.2.2 Student ref. SC/2002/A6/6.2.2, Centre for Sport Science and Health
Approved.

6.3 Draft letter for second external examiner for postgraduate degrees by research and thesis

Approved subject to the deletion of the sentence beginning 'The Second

External Examiner ... ‘ and the rewording of the beginning of the following sentence so that it reads ‘The Second External Examiner should participate’.

7. Special-case admissions

7.1 International MBA

Approved.

7.2 MA in International Relations (x 4 applicants)

Approved.

7.3 MBS in Marketing

Approved.

7.4 School of Electronic Engineering

Approved.

Agreed that Programme Chairs would be reminded that the pro-forma for module exemption requests is available online and should be used in all cases.

Louise McDermott

8. Proposal to introduce grades to the Graduate Diploma in Advanced Studies in Special Education and Graduate Diploma in Learning Support - St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra

Approved in principle. A fully detailed submission is to be made to Standing Committee for consideration at its meeting of 5 September 2002, before the new format can be offered.

9. AOB

9.1 Proposal from the Programme Board for the BSc in Science Education to raise the pass mark for Teaching Practice to 50%

Approved subject to agreement, in October 2002, by 100% of the students in Years 2 and 3, 2002-03.

9.2 Module exemption requests - Graduate Diploma/MSc in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy

Not approved, on the grounds that exemptions are not normally approved in the case of Master's programmes and in view of the high number of exemptions requested in the present case.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5 September 2002

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____